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SUBJECT: LONG SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING APRIL 21: WITNESSES

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SUMMARY: GON AND OPPOSITION HAVE FOCUSED ON SECOND LONG SUB-
COMMITTEE HEARINGS AS PIVOTAL EVENT IN U.S.-NICARAGUAN RELATIONS.
BOTH SIDES ARE EXPECTED TO FIELD IMPRESSIVE REPRESENTATIVES.
END SUMMARY

1. ADDITIONAL NAME OF PRIVATE SECTOR SPOKESMAN WHO WILL DEFEND
GON AT APRIL 21 HEARINGS (REFTEL) IS DR. CARLOS DUBON WHO IS ONE
OF NICARAGUA'S BRIGHTEST YOUNG MEN. DUBON, WHO HAS A PHD IN
ECONOMICS FROM PRINCETON, WAS SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY UNTIL
A YEAR AGO WHEN HE RESIGNED FOLLOWING DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE. HE
HAS CONTINUED TO BE SOMETIMES BUSINESS ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT.
EMB RECOMMENDS MEETING WITH DUBON SHOULD HE CONTACT DEPT.

2. PCN WILL APPARENTLY NOT BE REPRESENTED BUT ONE CONSERVATIVE
DEPUTY, JULIO MOLINA, WILL BE TRAVELING ON OWN INITIATIVE.
MOLINA WHO WAS NON-MARXIST REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA IN 1960
REPRESENTS JINOTEGA AND HAS BEEN MOST OUTSPOKEN MEMBER OF HIS
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PARTY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS FOUNDING MEMBER OF PERMANENT CONGRESSIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. IT IS BELIEVED HE WILL ADVOCATE PCN
POSITION DESCRIBED BY PCN PRESIDENT RENE SANDINO TO AMB AND
POLOFF ON APRIL 18 AS OPPOSING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID CUTOFF
IN INTEREST OF KEEPING PRESSURE ON GON FOR IMPROVEMENT. SANDINO,
HOWEVER, STATES MOLINA, WHO IS NOT AMONG PCN LEADERSHIP, SPEAKS
FOR HIMSELF ALONE. MOLINA HAS RECEIVED FROM UDEL COPY OF STATE-

MENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS INFO PREPARED BY PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO.
EMB URGES DEPT TO ARRANGE CONTACTS FOR MOLINA IN DEPT AND ASSIST
HIM IN REQUESTING OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

3. EMB ALSO UNDERSTANDS ALFONSO MONCADA, A MEMBER OF DISSIDENT
LIBERAL GROUP WHICH PARTICIPATES IN UDEL, WILL REQUEST TO TESTIFY.
EMB HAS NO INFO RE MONCADA'S POSITION.

4. EMB OFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH CAPUCHINS POSSIBILITY THEY WILL
APPEAR AT HEARINGS. THEIR CONCERN IS GON WILL SUCCEED IN PROJECTING
ABSENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM IN NICARAGUA. EMB OFF TOLD THEM
IT SEEMS UNLIKELY GON WILL SUCCEED IN THIS EFFORT, ESPECIALLY IF
OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN SUCH AS MOLINA AND MONCADA TESTIFY.

5. BOTH GON AND OPPOSITION HAVE FOCUSED FEVERISH SOUL SEARCHING
ON APRIL 21 HEARINGS. AS A RESULT, RUMOR MILL HAS OVERFLOWED
WITH NAMES OF PERSONS WHO MAY APPEAR IN WASHINGTON. EMB BELIEVES
ABOVE INFO AND REFTTEL INDICATE MOST SIGNIFICANT NAMES. BECAUSE
OF IMPORTANCE THIS HEARING HAS ASSUMED LOCALLY, EMB WILL APRECIATE
PROMPT REPORT ON WHO TESTIFIES AND SUBSTANCE OF TESTIMONY AND
IMPLICATIONS FOREVENTUAL ADOPTION OF KOCH AMENDMENT TO CUTOFF
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP.
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